

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-43 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 1-2, 6-7, 9, 16-17, 20, 22-26, 29, 31-32, 34-36 and 40 are amended.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102**

Claims 16, 20-22 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bhatia et al (U.S. Pub. 2004/0131081 A1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Bhatia fails to disclose or suggest that “*the second message includes a message hook having an executable program*”, as recited in independent Claim 16, and similar features recited in independent Claims 1, 25 29, 34 and 40. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103**

Claims 1, 3,5-6, 9-11, 14-15, 23-24, 26-27, 29-30, 32-34 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Bhatia *et al.* (U.S. Pub. 2004/0131081 A1) in view of Bern *et al.* (U.S. Patent 6898422 B2).

Claims 4 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Bhatia and Bern in combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,122,485 to Archer.

Claims 2, 7-8, 17-19, 25, 28, 31, 35-36 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Bhatia and Bern in combination with U.S. 2003/0139193 A1 to Buckley.

Claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Bhatia and Bern in combination with Corrigan (WO 03/030474 A2).

Claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Bhatia and Bern in combination with U.S. 2005/0037787 A1 to Bachner III, *et al.*.

Claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Bhatia in combination with Buckely.

Bern, Archer, Buckley, Bachner and Corrigan, like Bhatia, apparently fails to disclose or suggest that "*the second message includes a message hook having an executable program*", as recited in independent Claims 1 and 16, and similar features recited in independent Claims 25, 29, 34 and 40.

Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (Claims 1-43) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. Although only certain arguments regarding patentability are set forth herein, there may be other arguments and reasons why the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant reserves the right to raise these arguments in the future.

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